



2022 BPA Early Career Researcher Network Professional Development Grant

Application form

Application forms should be typed using font size 11 Arial.

Applications must be submitted to biolpsychaustralia.ecrn@gmail.com by 5pm AEST on the **9th of September**.

BPA-ECRN Professional Development Grant

The aim of this award is to help boost career prospects and research opportunities for individuals in the early stages of their research career.

The Professional Development Grant can be used to engage in a range of activities that will foster growth in biological psychiatry research. This can include, but is not limited to:

- in-person training at another Australian institute
- collaborating with another research institute
- online courses or workshops (e.g., data analysis, programming)
- software (e.g., Adobe Illustrator subscription)
- research equipment or consumables

The value of the Grant will depend on the use proposed. A maximum of \$1,000 will be offered. A justification of expenses will need to be provided. A minimum of four Grants will be awarded. The number of Grants awarded will depend on the value requested by the highest scoring applicants (i.e., smaller amounts requested will result in more grants being offered). The Grant will be a reimbursement with evidence of appropriate use. For example, receipts will need to be provided along with a declaration that other funds were not used to cover the purchase.

Eligibility criteria and award expectations are outlined in the BPA-ECRN Professional Development Grant Conditions of Award. It is expected that applicants have read, understood and sign this document for application.

Personal Details			
Applicant Name			
Home Institute			
Position	PhD <input type="checkbox"/>	Masters <input type="checkbox"/>	Research assistant <input type="checkbox"/>
	Post-doc <input type="checkbox"/>	Clinician <input type="checkbox"/>	Other:
How many full-time equivalent years have you been in this role?			
Email			
Phone			
Signature		Date	

Personal Statement (250 words max)

This should offer a brief background of your current research circumstances (e.g., research/career stage). Please provide a concise overview of your current research interests.

What is the proposed use of the award? (500 words max) (60%)

What are the immediate benefits of this award on your research?

What are your career goals and how will this award contribute to benefiting you long-term?

Budget for this application

Provide specific details of activity, the cost, and justification (add more fields as required).

Evidence is required – screen shots of flight costs, quote for a course, etc.

Applications which do not provide sufficient detail in the budget section will not be reviewed.

Item	Cost	Justification
Total Cost		

Note: Grants will be awarded up to a value of **\$1000**

Publications (5%)

Please provide a reference list of your publications. Separate publications into the following sections: published, accepted, and preprints. Do not include published conference abstracts. If you do not have any publications (or have a low number of publications), you may provide an explanation as to why (e.g., long running experiments across PhD) and what your publication plans are for the near future.

Statement about publications:

Conference Presentations (10%)

Please provide details of all conference presentations you have given (oral and posters). Please provide conference name, year and presentation title.

Oral

Posters

Leadership (5%)

Please provide details of your involvement with scientific outreach, committees and/or student supervision.

Endorsement

If you plan to use the award for travel, please have the host supervisor or mentor send an email containing the following to biolpsychaustralia.ecrn@gmail.com:

“I agree on hosting "insert awardee name" for "insert period of time" as part of the BPA-ECRN Professional Development Award.”

Provide name and contact details of proposed host below

Host name:

Contact details:

Research Opportunity and Performance Evidence (ROPE) Statement

Please outline any significant interruptions to your research that have impacted you in the past 3 years. Statements should be clear, contextualised, constructively presented, and contain all relevant information (e.g., COVID-related impacts, parental leave, lab culture).

Judging Criteria	Weighting (/100)
Overall Application <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A cohesive application, free from careless mistakes• Application demonstrates the potential impact and initiative of the applicant.	20
Proposed use of award <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is a proposed specific use of the award.• There is clear motivation of the applicant for the use of the award.• There is a clear benefit of the proposed use to the applicant's career.• Applicant has outlined how the award will benefit their short- and long-term career/research goals.	60
Research output <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peer reviewed publications• Conference Presentations• Leadership	20
	Reviewer 1
	Reviewer 2
	Reviewer 3
	Total